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be sold to Texas veterans who served in the Armed Services of the United States between September 16, 1940, and March 31, 1955; such funds to be expended in accordance with instructions and requirements that may be provided by law"; and

"AGAINST the Amendment to Section 49-b of Article III of the Constitution of Texas to increase the Veterans' Land Fund by \$200,000, 000.00; said Fund to be used for the purpose of purchasing land in Texas to be sold to Texas veterans who served in the Armed Services of the United States between September 16, 1940, and March 31, 1955; such funds to be expended in accordance with instructions and requirements that may be provided by law."

If it appears from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast were in favor of same Amendment, the same shall become a part of the State Constitution and be effective from the date set forth in said Amendment, and the Governor shall issue a proclamation in keeping therewith.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and shall have the same published as required by the Constitution and Laws of this state.

Adopted by the House on February 23, 1965: Yeas 135, Nays 1;
passed by the Senate on March 4, 1965: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Signed by the Governor March 16, 1965.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—LEGISLATORS —PER DIEM ALLOWANCE

H. J. R. No. 8

Proposing an Amendment to Section 24, Article III and Section 17 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas, to allow an annual salary in an amount to be fixed by the Legislature for the Lieutenant Governor and for the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and increasing the per diem allowance of Members of the Legislature.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 24 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended to read as follows:

"Section 24. Representatives shall receive from the Public Treasury an annual salary of not exceeding Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars (\$4,800) per year. Senators shall receive from the Public Treasury an annual salary of not exceeding Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars (\$4,800) per year. The Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall receive from the Public Treasury an annual salary in an amount to be fixed by the Legislature. All Members of the Legislature, including the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, also shall receive from the Public Treasury a per diem of not exceeding Twenty Dollars (\$20) per day for the one hundred and forty (140) days of each Regular Session and for thirty (30) days of each Special Session of the Legislature. No Regular Session shall be of longer duration than one hundred and forty (140) days. This Amendment shall be self-enacting and appropriations heretofore made in the General Appropriations Bill for the biennium ending August 31, 1967, for the salaries

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of the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall not be invalid because of the anticipatory nature of the legislation.

"In addition to the per diem the Members of each House shall be entitled to mileage in going to and returning from the seat of Government, which mileage shall not exceed Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) for every twenty-five (25) miles, the distance to be computed by the nearest and most direct route of travel, from a table of distances prepared by the Comptroller to each county seat now or hereafter to be established; no Member to be entitled to mileage for any extra Session that may be called within one (1) day after the adjournment of the Regular or Called Session."

Sec. 2. That Section 17 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended to read as follows:

"Section 17. If, during the vacancy in the office of Governor, the Lieutenant Governor should die, resign, refuse to serve, or be removed from office, or be unable to serve; or if he shall be impeached or absent from the State, the President of the Senate, for the time being, shall, in like manner, administer the Government until he shall be superseded by a Governor or Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant Governor shall, while he acts as President of the Senate, receive for his services an annual salary in an amount to be fixed by the Legislature and the same mileage which shall be allowed to the Members of the Senate, and no more; and during the time he administers the Government, as Governor, he shall receive in like manner the same compensation which the Governor would have received had he been employed in the duties of his office, and no more. The President, for the time being, of the Senate, shall, during the time he administers the Government, receive in like manner the same compensation, which the Governor would have received had he been employed in the duties of his office."

Sec. 3. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 1965, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment allowing an annual salary in an amount to be fixed by the Legislature for the Lieutenant Governor and for the Speaker of the House of Representatives and allowing a per diem for Members of the Legislature not to exceed Twenty Dollars (20) per day for the 140 days of each Regular Session and 30 days of each Special Session.

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment allowing an annual salary in an amount to be fixed by the Legislature for the Lieutenant Governor and for the Speaker of the House of Representatives and allowing a per diem for Members of the Legislature not to exceed Twenty Dollars (\$20) per day for the 140 days of each Regular Session and 30 days of each Special Session."

Sec. 4. The Governor of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for the election and this Amendment shall be published in the manner and for the length of time as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Adopted by the House on March 9, 1965: Yeas 129, Nays 14; House refused to concur in Senate amendments on March 29, 1965, and requested the appointment of a Conference Committee to consider the differences between the two Houses; House adopted the Conference Committee Report on April 22, 1965: Yeas 127, Nays 8; adopted by the Senate, with amendments, on March 25, 1965: Yeas 29, Nays 0; at the request of the House,

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the Senate appointed a Conference Committee to consider the differences between the two Houses; Senate adopted the Conference Committee Report on April 22, 1965: Yeas 26, Nays 1.

Signed by the Governor, May 6, 1965.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT— STUDENT LOANS

H. J. R. No. 11

Proposing an Amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas authorizing loans to students at institutions of higher education; creating the Texas Opportunity Plan Fund and making provisions relating thereto.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding a new Section to read as follows:

"Section 50b. Student loans.

"(a) The Legislature may provide that the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, or its successor or successors, shall have the authority to provide for, issue and sell general obligation bonds of the State of Texas in an amount not to exceed Eighty-five Million Dollars (\$85,000,000). The bonds authorized herein shall be called 'Texas College Student Loan Bonds,' shall be executed in such form, denominations and upon such terms as may be prescribed by law, provided, however, that the bonds shall not bear more than four per cent (4%) interest per annum; they may be issued in such installments as the Board finds feasible and practical in accomplishing the purposes of this Section.

"(b) All moneys received from the sale of such bonds shall be deposited in a fund hereby created in the State Treasury to be known as the Texas Opportunity Plan Fund to be administered by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, or its successor or successors to make loans to students who have been admitted to attend any institution of higher education within the State of Texas, public or private, including Junior Colleges, which are recognized or accredited under terms and conditions prescribed by the Legislature, and to pay interest and principal on such bonds and provide a sinking fund therefor under such conditions as the Legislature may prescribe.

"(c) While any of the bonds, or interest on said bonds authorized by this Section is outstanding and unpaid, there is hereby appropriated out of the first moneys coming into the Treasury in each fiscal year, not otherwise appropriated by this Constitution, an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on such bonds that mature or become due during such fiscal year, less the amount in the sinking fund at the close of the prior fiscal year.

"(d) The Legislature may provide for the investment of moneys available in the Texas Opportunity Plan Fund, and the interest and sinking funds established for the payment of bonds issued by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, or its successor or successors. Income from such investment shall be used for the purposes prescribed by the Legislature.